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SUBJECT: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

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1. UNTIL NOVEMBER 11, 1975, THE SOVEREIGN POWER IN ANGOLA IS LEGALLY PORTUGAL. INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE IN THE HANDS OF A TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. A PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER PERSONIFIES PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY, HANDLES FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMANDS PORTUGUESE TROOPS STILL IN THE TERRITORY. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF ANGOLAN EXPORT CONTROLS SHOULD REMAIN VALID UNTIL INDEPENDENCE AND VERY POSSIBLY FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD AFTERWARDS ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD REQUEST AN UPDATE OF THE INFORMATION AFTER ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE IS ACHIEVED. PRESENT EXPORT CONTROL PROVISIONS AND THE GENERAL PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THEM (E.G., WITH REGARD TO DIAMONDS) ARE A LEGACY OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL SYSTEM AND ULTIMATELY WILL BE EXTENSIVELY ALTERED ALTHOUGH IN WHAT DIRECTION IS NOT YET CLEAR.

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2. DIAMONDS: A) UNCUT DIAMONDS, GEN AND INDUSTRIAL;

B-3) TOTAL PROHIBITION OF EXPORTS TO ANY COUNTRY EXCEPT
PORTUGAL;
C) 1959;
D) SEE PARA ONE;
E) TRADITIONAL MERCANTILIST MEASURE;
F-1) OBVIOUS;
F-2) UNKNOWN HERE. DIAMOND EXPORTS AVERAGED SOMEWHAT
IN EXCESS OF US\$100 MILLION A YEAR PRIOR TO THE PORTUGUESE
COUP IN 1975.

3. COFFEE: A) COFFEE (ROBUSTA, "AMBRIZ 2BB")
B-1) THERE IS A MINIMUM ALLOWED EXPORT PRICE;
B-2) IMPOSED, VARIES MONTHLY
B-3) NONE, HOWEVER QUOTAS OF A SORT HAVE BEEN USED INFORMALLY
TO TILT COFFEE TOWARD "NON-TRADITIONAL MARKETS", I.E., TOWARDS
U.S. AND AWAY FROM REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA;
B-4) ANGOLA COFFEE EXPORT SYSTEM IS - BY WORLD-WIDE INDUSTRY
STANDARDS - RELATIVELY "FREE". POST-INDEPENDENCE PRACTICE
WILL PROBABLY MOVE IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, HOWEVER.
D) SEE PARA 1.
E-6 AND 7)

4. SUGAR: B-3) EXPORT PROHIBITED; D-2; E-4.

5. TIMBER: A) LOGS; B-3) QUOTA WHICH IS REDUCED YEARLY;
E-3) TO FORCE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL WOOD PROCESSING
INDUSTRY.
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